modification that the Assistant Engineer's allowance will come to only very little and in view of the admission that the necessity for the additional staff will not be insisted upon this demand may be accepted. If the Government are not going to accept this suggestion, I am afraid I have to oppose the Demand.

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : If the work is to be completed within this period the additional staff I have mentioned has to be appointed. Whether the Assistant Engineer is there to do full-time or part time work, he will not be able to do the work of the foreman and the lascar. If the additional staff is not sanctioned the period will have to be extended further for the completion of the work. If they are appointed the work will be finished in six months.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*) : May I know from the member what sort of supervision the Assistant Engineer has to make ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : He will have to go there and check the work that is being done by his subordinates. He will not have to check every item of work but only some important items. He will have to satisfy himself that the work is being done properly. As far as his allowance is concerned it cannot be reduced. He is an officer getting Rs. 400. If an officer is deputed for special duty he is given 1/5 of his pay as deputation allowance. If there is any possibility of reducing the allowance or the additional staff asked for, Government will consider it seriously and make as much reduction in the expenditure as is possible without detriment to the efficiency of the work. With this assurance' I hope that the grant will be sanctioned by the House.

The Demand was put to vote and carried.

The grant was made.

## DEMAND XXXV—INVESTMENTS ON REPRODUCTIVE WORKS.

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*) : Sir, I move for a grant not exceeding Rs. 1,28,800 on demand No. XXXV for Reproductive Works.

During the year 1109 a provision of 3 lakhs of rupees was made in the budget for starting a rubber factory in Trivandrum. Out of this three lakhs of rupees, there is only a provision of Rs. 2,55,000 for the year as the P. W. D. did not utilise the sum of Rs. 45,000 in 1109. And we had to incur certain additional expenditure over and above the two lakhs estimated for the purchase of machinery on account of the rate

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of exchange, Reich Mark and so on. So this amount of Rs. 1,28,800 is to be utilised for the following items :—

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| For machinery | ... | Rs. 21,000 |
| For other items of capital expenditure excluding foundation and erection of machinery | | Rs. 8,100 |
| For working expenses including the purchase of raw materials | | Rs. 36,000 |
| For construction of buildings including certain works to the old Railway station buildings | | Rs. 63,000 |
| | Total | 1,28,800 |

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : May I know whether the member is able to give the idea of the work so far done ?

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*) : The building is already finished and the erection of the machinery is also completed. We are only waiting for the electric connection which we hope to be ready within the 25th June.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*) : May I know from the member when will the factory begin the actual work ?

**MR. N. K. PADMANABHA PILLAI** (*Director of Industries*) : As soon as we get electric current, say, about the end of June.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : Sir, I am rather in an inconvenient position of opposing the demand for one reason. The member in charge in moving this demand stated as one of the reasons that there was some difference in the exchange ratio. The second reason which he attributed for the Demand I could not understand. He said "rate of exchange and so on". What that "so on" is I would like to know. As regards the first reason I could very well understand. But .....

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : That expression does not convey any particular meaning ; the member did not express it as a reason.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : I wish to know what additional reason there is. We are entirely in the dark as to the "so on" reason: Until the position is clarified, I feel constrained to oppose the Demand.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Sir, I rise to oppose the Demand. When this Demand was tabled as a supplementary grant we all expected that it has a very important bearing. The Director of Industries clearly explained this important item of work undertaken by the Government. Well, Sir, the whole Travancore looks up to such industrial activities undertaken by Government very recently for the virtual salvation of the State. And therefore the Government were in duty bound to explain to this side of the House as to the progress so far made by them in the work and also in such items of work as are contemplated by the Government and then we would have been in a better position to justify ourselves in granting very huge allotments for these items of work. Therefore unless the Government make up their mind to explain clearly without resorting to the aids of "so on" and others, their position and also their anticipation and the

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prospects of such business the House would not be doing justice to itself if it sanctions any more amount under this item. But the member in charge of the subject did not care to explain.

Therefore, since the member in charge of the subject did not care to explain.....

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT :** I do not think you are in order when you say that. The member in charge did explain probably, it did not satisfy you. That is a different matter.

**MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Since the explanation by the member in charge of the subject was not in any way satisfactory, I oppose the Demand and my opposition stands till the Demand from this side of the House, for a satisfactory explanation, is satisfied.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha I*) : Sir, the reasons for this supplementary demand are rested upon certain grounds which are akin to the substance which forms the subject matter of the present Demand, namely, rubber. It is rubber industry that we are now considering. The reasons advanced, difference in the exchange ratio and "so on," are sufficiently elastic. as elastic as rubber itself. The House unfortunately is not convinced by such elastic reasons. From the standpoint of Government, various things may be made elastic. Even in connection with the last Demand, we found that a period of six months expanded itself to a period of 12 months. It may be argued that there is more justification for such elasticity in the case of rubber. But so far as we are concerned, such reasons do not expand us correspondingly. Hence I am also in the unhappy position of sitting on the fence waiting for convincing reasons to support the Demand.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*): സർ, ഞാൻ ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ എതിർക്കുന്നു. സാധാരണ ഇതുമാതിരിയുള്ള ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനകൊണ്ടു വരുമ്പോൾ അതു് അനദ്ധ്യോഗസ്ഥമെമ്പർമാർ കണ്ണുമടച്ചുകൊണ്ടു അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കണമെന്നു ഒരു ധാരണയുള്ള മട്ടാണ ഇവിടെകാണുന്നതു്.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT.** I take objection to that. You can say that it is not satisfactory. You cannot say that the official member expects you to pass it shutting your eyes.

**MR. N. E. VARUGHESE** (*Tiruvalla I*) : ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനകൊണ്ടുവരുമ്പോൾ ഈ ഒരുവിചാരമാണു് ഗവണ്മെൻറു മെമ്പർമാരുടെ ഇടയിലുള്ളതു് എന്നാണു് ഞാൻ ധരിക്കുന്നതു.

നമ്പർഫാക്റ്ററിക്കു ഒരു ഭീമമായതുക അനുവദിക്കണമെന്നുമാത്രം വിവരിച്ചിട്ടുള്ള ഒരു സപ്ലിമെൻററി ഡിമാൻഡുസഭമുൻപാകെ കൊണ്ടു വന്നിരിക്കുന്നതു് ഒരിക്കലും ന്യായമല്ല. അതു് ഈ സഭയിലെ അനദ്ധ്യോഗ അംഗങ്ങളുടെ നിലയെ ശരിയായി വിചാരിക്കാതെ അവതരിപ്പിക്കുന്നതാണെന്നു് വ്യസനസമേതം പ്രസ്താവിക്കേണ്ടിയിരിക്കുന്നു. ഏ

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ന്തിനാണ് ഈ തുക ആവശ്യപ്പെട്ടന്നത് എന്നുള്ളതിനു എസ്റ്റിമേറു ക്രൂടി മഹാജരാക്കണ്ടതായിരുന്നു. കാര്യങ്ങൾ അറിയാതെ അതനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതു് മെമ്പറന്മാരുടെ ചുമതലാബോധമെന്തന്നറിയാതെ അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനു തുല്യമാണ്. അത്തരത്തിൽ ഈ ഡിമാൻറു അനുവദിച്ചുകൊടുക്കുന്നതിനെ അനുകൂലിക്കുവാൻ ഞാൻ തയാറില്ല. ആവശ്യം എന്താണെന്നു് ശരിയായി അറിയാതിരിക്കുന്നിടത്തോളം കാലം അതനുവദിക്കുന്നതിനു എന്റെ മനസ്സു് സമ്മതിക്കുന്നില്ല. ഈ കാരണത്താൽമാത്രം ഞാൻ ഈ ധനാഭ്യർത്ഥനയെ എതിർത്തുകൊള്ളുന്നു. ആവശ്യം ശരിയായി ബോദ്ധ്യപ്പെട്ടന്നപക്ഷം അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നതിനു വിരോധമില്ല.

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, the opposition to this Demand seems to be based on the ground that the member in charge has not given a satisfactory explanation of the necessity for this demand. I shall try to explain it but I do not know how far I will succeed in satisfying my friend, Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai.

When the Government decided to start a rubber factory they got a rough estimate from the Rubber Expert for about 3 lakhs of rupees. He provided in his estimate, Rs. 30,000 for buildings. He did not know the conditions in Trivandrum when he prepared his estimate. His plans were forwarded to the Public Works Department for the preparation of a correct estimate for buildings and their estimate came to Rs. 65,000.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*): Am I to take it that, when the Government sanctioned the scheme, they blindly accepted the figures given by the Rubber Expert?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, they did not accept the figures at all. As I said the expert prepared only a rough estimate for buildings, I would emphasise the word 'rough'; and the Government knew that it was only a rough estimate; that was why they asked the P. W. D. to prepare a correct and detailed estimate.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): Did the Government consult the Chief Engineer as to whether the estimates furnished by the Expert were correct?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): That is what I have been explaining. The Rubber Expert prepared only a rough estimate which the Government forwarded to the Chief Engineer for the preparation of a correct and detailed estimate.

**MR. K. R. ELENKATH** (*Kalkulam I*): What I want to know is whether, before they sanctioned the sum of Rs. 3 lakhs, they forwarded the estimates of the Rubber Expert to the Chief Engineer for his examination and approval?

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**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : When the provision was made, Government knew full well that it was only a very rough estimate and that the total investment on the factory might exceed or fall short of Rs. 3 lakhs.

As I have already stated, Sir, while the original rough estimate for buildings was only Rs. 30,000, the P. W. D. prepared an estimate for Rs. 65,000. This accounts for Rs. 35,000 in the present demand.

Change in the exchange ratio accounts for an increase of Rs. 20,000 in the price of machinery. I may inform the House that there was some delay in settling the contracts for the supply of machinery. Government decided to purchase the machinery from 2 or 3 German firms. Subsequently, they thought that they could make use of this opportunity to sell some of the Travancore products to these German firms with whom the orders for the machinery were to be placed. Government came to know that these German firms had an idea of purchasing coir yarn from Bombay for the money they would get from Travancore for their machinery. Government therefore started negotiations with them for their purchase from us of the Travancore coir yarn. That naturally took some time. I am glad to say that Government have succeeded in their negotiations. (Mr. E. V. Krishna Pillai *Hear, hear.*) There was some delay in getting these terms of the contract on account of these negotiations.

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon I*). Are we therefore to understand that we have been losers in the transaction ultimately?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Even if we had not sold the coir yarn we would have lost a good portion of this Rs. 20,000 because the exchange value of German mark was steadily rising.

**MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Ambalapuzha*) : On the whole, are we losers or gainers?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I think we are gainers, though not the Government at least the people.

Then, there is a further increase of about Rs. 36,000 in the working expenses. The original estimate for working expenses was only about Rs. 30,000. As members may be aware, the working expenses include the price of raw rubber required for the manufacture of rubber goods. Already about Rs. 32,000 worth of rubber has been purchased; and it is proposed to purchase rubber for about Rs. 36,000 more. Even then the quantity will suffice only for about 2 or 3 months. We have to bear in mind, in this connection, the fact that the price of rubber is likely to go up on account of the restriction. I may say in this connection that our quota in the restriction scheme is likely to be revised. This is the most favourable season for the purchase of raw rubber and that is why the Rubber Expert proposes to purchase rubber for another Rs. 36,000 now.

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For the foundation and erection of the machinery the original estimate was about Rs. 8,000 and this is not likely to be exceeded much. While the total allotment in the budget is Rs. 2,55,0 0 and odd, the expenditure incurred so far amounts to Rs. 2,57,576, so that the allotment has been exceeded by about Rs. 2,600. The whole amount provided for the erection of machinery has already been spent in other directions. There is therefore no money available now for the purpose and additional provision has to be made.

We have every hope, Sir, that the factory will prove a complete success. We have no doubt that, if the grant is made now, the factory can be started by about the end of June or the beginning of July. As Mr. Padmanabha Pillai has already explained, everything is ready except the electric courent.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum-Rural*): May I ask whether since the Government purchased rubber, the price of rubber has gone up?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, even now it is only somewhere about 5½d. per pound. It has been at that level for the last few months. All that I said was that there is a chance of the price going up in the course of the next few months.

As I said, Sir, everything is ready. We are only waiting for power. As soon as the necessary materials are received from England, the Electric Deartment will put up the sub-station and supply the current.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Have the Government made any arrangement for the sale of the rubber goods to be manufactured here?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): No, not yet

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Is it to be done through our Trade Agent at Bombay?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I can assure the House that efficient arrangements will be made, whether through the Trade Agent at Bombay or otherwise.

**MR. A. THANU PILLAI** (*Trivandrum—Rural*): Will the Government take care to see that, at least in the case of our rubber goods, they do not make any arrangement through our Trade Agent at Bombay?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): I cannot give an undertaking like that. All that I can say is that efficient arrangements will be made.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT**: That question does not come within the scope of the discussion on this supplementary demand.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): May I know from the member the nature of the rubber goods to be produced in this factory?

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**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Cycle tyres, tubes, toys, hoses and all manner of rubber goods.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*) : May I know whether we will be able to compete with Japan-made goods ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : Yes, that is what our Expert says.

**MR. M. SIVATANU PILLAI** (*Tovala*): May I know whether our Rubber Expert is really a good businessman ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : I think so.

**MR. PACODE A. NARAYANA PILLAI** (*Vilavankod*): May I know whether Government have collected statistics about the consumption of rubber goods in Travancore ?

**RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI** (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, I have already sat down.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : Does anybody else wish to speak ?

**MR. PUTHUPALLI S. KRISHNA PILLAI** (*Quilon II*) : After hearing the learned member's speech, I wish to withdraw my opposition.

**DEPUTY PRESIDENT** : I do not think it is in form. More than one member has opposed the grant and the whole matter is before the House now. Mr. Krishna Pillai's individual withdrawal will not be sufficient. So I have to put the motion to the vote of the House.

The Demand was put to vote and passed.

The grant was made.

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## LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

## THE TRAVANCORE SURVEY AND BOUNDARIES REGULATION (AMENDMENT) BILL.

**MR. KAYALAM PARAMESVARAN PILLAI** (*Additional Head Sirkar Vakil*) : Sir, I beg to move that the Travancore Survey and Boundaries Regulation (Amendment) Bill, as passed by the Sri Chitra State Council, be taken into consideration. I shall briefly explain the principle underlying the Bill. It is aimed at making the unauthorised planting of survey marks punishable. A survey mark is defined in the Survey and Boundaries Regulation of 1091 as follows :

> "Survey-mark" means any mark or thing heretofore or hereafter made, erected or placed for the purpose of indicating survey points or lines above, on or below the surface of any land by or by order of any person duly authorised under any enactment for the time being in force to make a survey of land to settle the boundaries thereof ".

I request Honourable Members to notice the last portion of the definition, namely, ' by or by order of any person duly authorised for the time being in force to make surveys '. Therefore, a survey mark always indicates a point or line fixed by persons authorised by law to fix survey marks. Honourable members know that the survey marks are shank-marked stones. It has been brought to the notice of Government



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